

## **Meeting the Safety Challenge**

Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D.

Administrator

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration





## Persons Killed and Injured and Number of Crashes

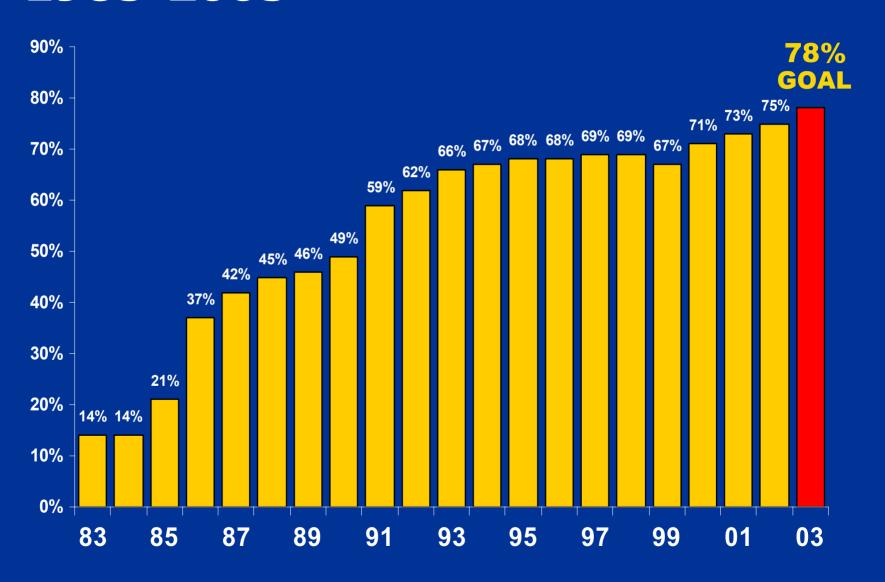
	Year		%
	2000	2001	Change
Persons Killed	41,945	42,116	+0.4%
Persons Injured	3,189,000	3,033,000	-4.9%



### **Economic Cost of Crashes 2000**

- \$230.6 billion total cost, including
  - \$32.6 billion in medical expense
  - \$81 billion in lost productivity
- 2.3% of US Gross Domestic Product
- \$820 for each man, woman & child
- \$1.1 million avg. cost for critically injured survivor

## Safety Belt Use Rates 1983-2003





## **Failure to Use Safety Belts**

- 9,200 fatalities
- 143,000 people injured
- \$26 billion in costs incurred



## **Safety Belt Benefits**

### **■** For each 1% increase in safety belt use:

- 2.8 million more people buckling up
- 270 lives saved
- \$800 million cost saved
- Reduce severity of 6,400 serious injuries

#### ■ Belt use at 90%:

6,600 lives saved each year

# AVI file for Unbelted 50<sup>th</sup> Percentile Male Driver



# Safety



**Air Bags** 



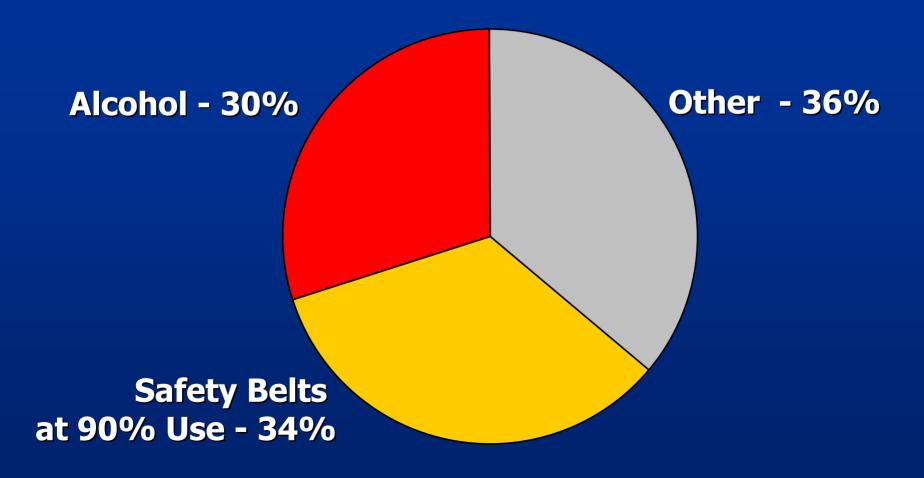
## Persons Killed in Alcohol-Related Traffic Crashes by Year



Source: FARS



## **Predicted Lives Saved by Countermeasure**





## **Vehicle Safety Priorities**



Compatibility

Rollover prevention & protection

Advanced Air Bags

Side Impact

Offset Frontal

**Advanced Dummies** 

Rear Impact

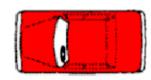




## **Driver Fatality Ratios in Frontal Crashes**

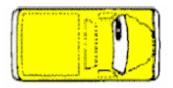
**Full Size Van** 

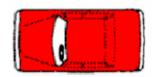




1:6.0

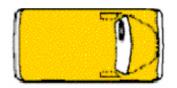
Full Size Pickup

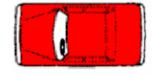




1:6.2

Sport Utility Vehicle (all)

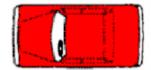




1:4.3

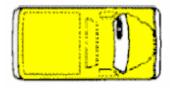
**Minivan** 

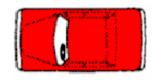




1:2.6

Compact Pickup

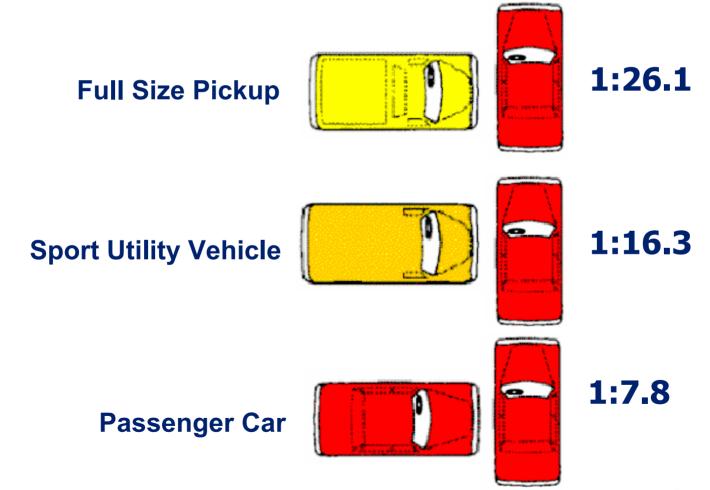




1:2.6



## **Driver Fatality Ratios in Near-Side Crashes**



Source: FARS 1995 - 1999



## **Compatibility Issues**

StructuralEngagement(Geometry)



Energy Management (Stiffness & Crush Force)





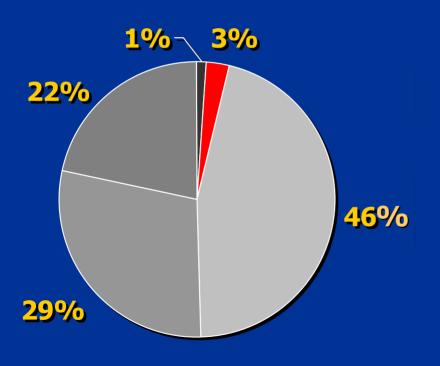
## **Priority: Rollover**



# Vehicles in Crashes and Fatalities by Type of Collision

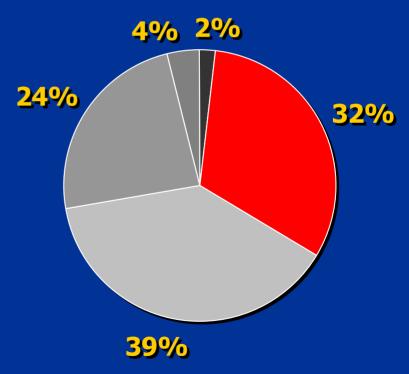
## Passenger Vehicles in Crashes 2001

Approx. 10.7 million vehicles involved



## Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities 2001

31,910 total occupants killed



■ Rollover ■ Front ■ Side ■ Rear ■ Other



## Occupant Fatalities in Rollover Crashes, 2001 Rate per 100,000 Registered Vehicles

Passeng	jer cars
---------	----------

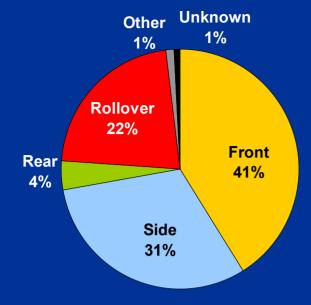
SUVs

Pickup trucks

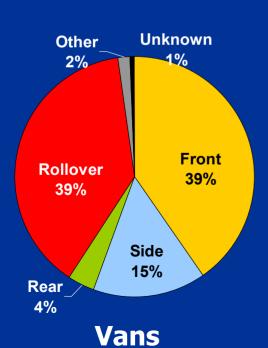
Vans

Total

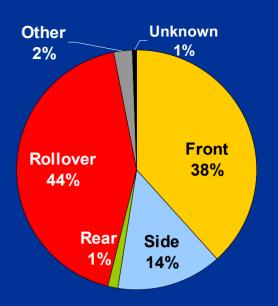
Deaths	Rate
4,549	3.53
2,142	9.90
2,643	6.97
784	4.33
10,118	4.90



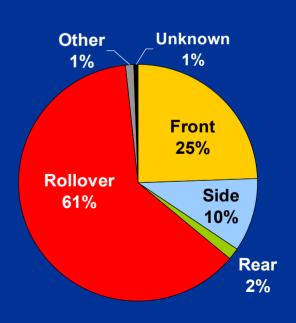
#### **Passenger Cars**



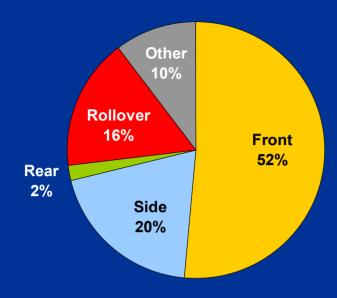
# Occupant Fatalities by Type of Crash, 2001



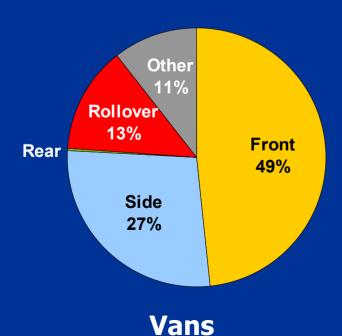
#### **Pickups**



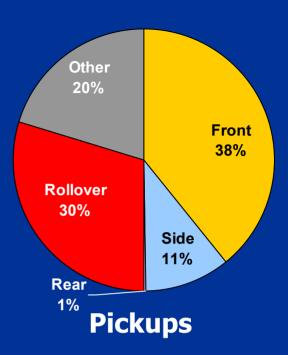
**SUVs** 

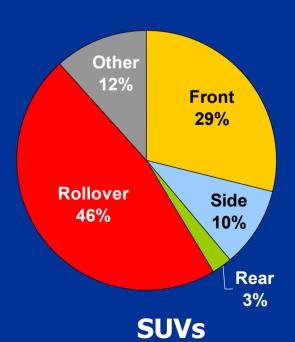


**Passenger Cars** 



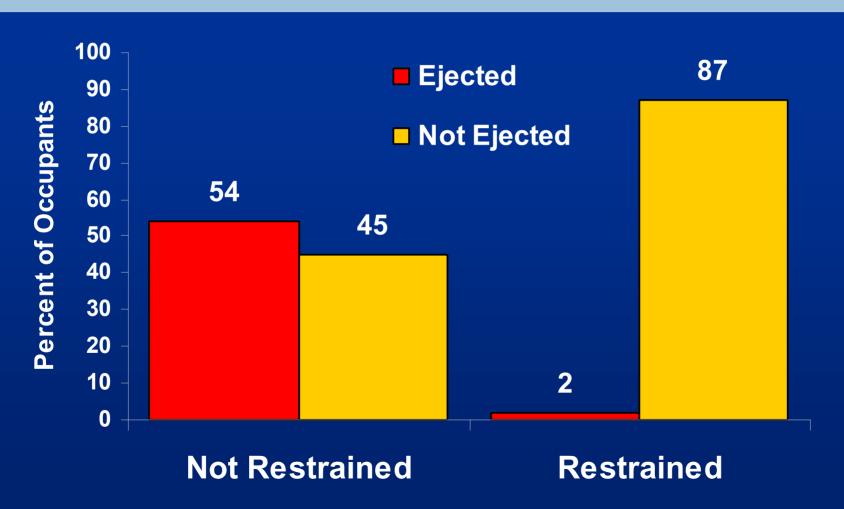
Serious
Injuries
by Type
of Crash,
2001







## Occupant Restraint Use and Complete Ejection in Fatal Rollover

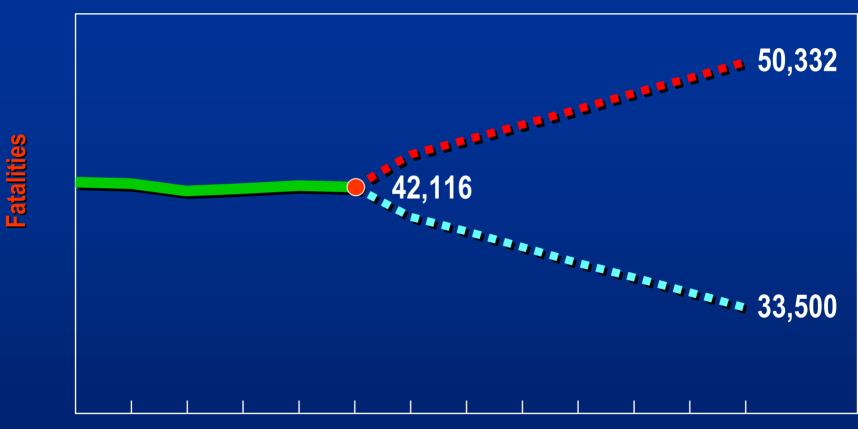


# AVI file for DRF-Dynamic Rollover Fixture





## 2008 Goal Is Challenging



1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2004 2006 2007 2008

Year

